

REMARKS

Attached hereto are an Excess Claims Fee letter and fee.

New claims 27-44 have been added to more completely define the invention. These new claims are supported by the subject matter on page 13, lines 3-14; page 14, line 17, to page 15, line 2; and Figures 2-3. No new matter has been added.

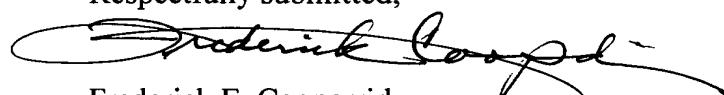
It is noted that the claim amendments herein are made only for more particularly pointing out the invention, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims, or for any statutory requirements of patentability.

Further, it is noted that, notwithstanding any claim amendments made herein, Applicants' intent is to encompass equivalents of all claim elements, even if amended herein or later during prosecution.

Early, favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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